

## **ABSTRACT**

Please replace the previously submitted abstract with the following re-written version:

Disclosed herein is a method for reducing roof membrane damage from hail/fastener impact by locating a fastener, positioning an energy absorbing material over the fastener and affixing the material to the fastener. Further disclosed herein is a roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics. The system comprises a roof substrate having one or more layers of material at least one fastener exposed at a top surface of the substrate and a dedicated energy absorbing material positioned over the at least one fastener. A roof water proofing membrane is placed atop the foregoing elements.